*Figure 407: Paste Special dialog in Writer,
with DDE link selected*

4) Select the **Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE link)** option in the *Selection* list.

5) Click the **OK** button.

6) Now the link has been created in Writer. When the Calc spreadsheet is updated, the table in Writer is automatically updated.

XML Source

The XML Source feature allows a user to import data from arbitrarily structured XML content into cells in an existing spreadsheet document. It allows XML content to be imported either partially or in full, depending on the structure of the XML content and the map definitions that the user defines. The user can specify multiple non-overlapping sub-structures to be mapped to different cell positions within the same document, and can select to import either element contents, attribute values, or both.

> ✅ **Note:**
>
> The XML Source feature currently allows you to import XML data as a one-time event; it will not store the information about the data source once the data is imported.

Suppose that you have sales data in an XML file, such as the following:

```
<sales>
  <sale>
    <date>01/19/08</date>
    <value>$2,032</value>
    <category>Golf</category>
    <region>West</region>
    <employee>Brigitte</employee>
  </sale>
  <sale>
    <date>01/25/08</date>
```